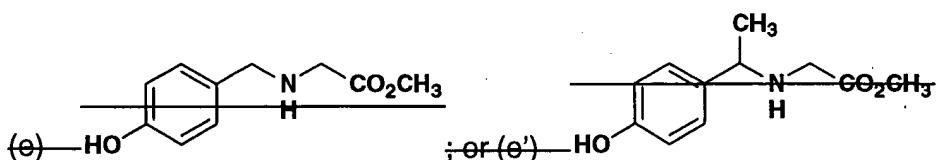
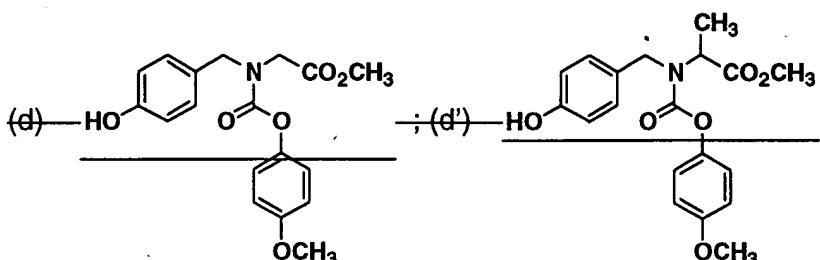
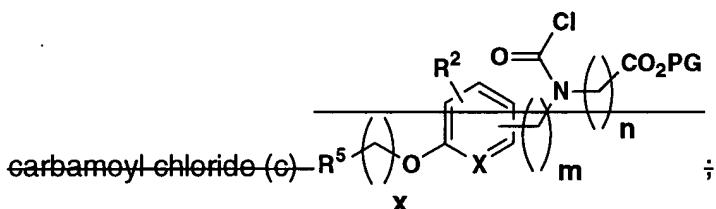
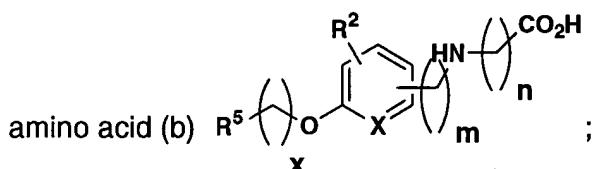
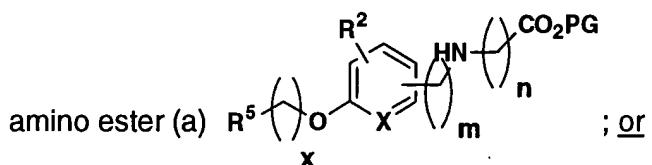


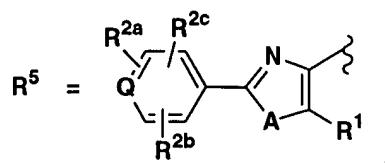
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 to 54. (Cancelled).

Claim 55. (Amended) A compound having the structure



wherein PG is a carboxylic acid protecting group which is methyl, ethyl or t-butyl, and



wherein x is 1, 2, 3 or 4; m is 1 or 2; n is 1 or 2;

Q is C or N;

A is O or S;

R<sup>1</sup> is H or lower alkyl methyl;

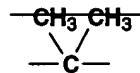
X is CH

R<sup>2</sup> is H, alkyl, alkoxy, halogen, amino or substituted amino;

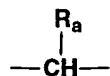
~~R<sup>2a</sup>, R<sup>2b</sup> and R<sup>2c</sup> are the same or different and are selected from H, alkyl, alkoxy, halogen, amino or substituted amino;~~

or stereoisomers thereof, or a prodrug ester thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 56. (Amended) The compound as defined in Claim 55 wherein (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>x</sub> is CH<sub>2</sub>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, or

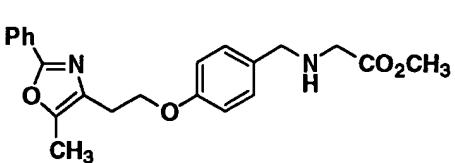
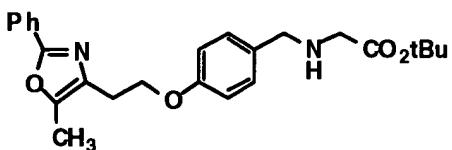
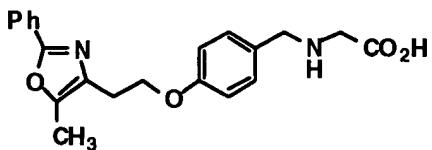
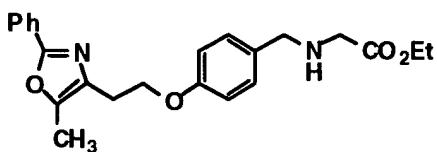


(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub> is CH<sub>2</sub>, or

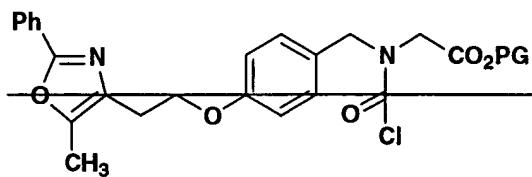
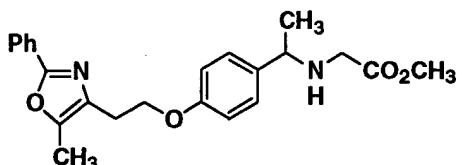


wherein R<sub>a</sub> is alkyl or alkenyl, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub> is CH<sub>2</sub>, R<sup>1</sup> is lower alkyl, and R<sup>2a</sup> H, R<sup>4</sup> is H, X is CH; and PG is methyl, ethyl or t-butyl.

Claim 57. (Amended) The compound as defined in Claim 55 having the structure



, or



Claims 58 to 82. (Cancelled).